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FIGURES ON HUNGARIAN STUDENT ENROLLMENT

FIGURES ON STUDENT ENROLLMENT -- Nepszava, 2 Sep 52

Over 1,200,000 pupils have enrolled in the general schools and 120,000 in the secondary schools for the coming school year, while the number of university students will exceed 45,000.

This year, 23 new general and five new secondary schools were opened, in addition to two new universities, namely, the University of Building Industry at Budapest and the Transportation University at Szolnok.

Every teacher will be required to fight hard against clerical reaction during the new school year. The teachers can fulfill their task only if they clearly grasp the interconnection between creative socialism, the defense of peace, and school education. To help the teachers enhance their professional knowledge, as well as ideological and political training, the teachers' trade union committees will conduct daily educational work among the teachers. In the course of this work, party resolutions and government decrees will be explained and the teachers will be mobilized to carry them out.

Increased attention will also be paid in the new school year to the dissemination of Soviet educational methods among the teachers. Thanks to the application of these methods, 70 teachers earned the Outstanding Grade School Teacher and Outstanding Secondary School Teacher medals during the last school year. The trade union committees must also observe the private lives of the teachers to help them obtain the means for undisturbed work. -- Lajos Cse-terki, President, Teachers' Trade Union.

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING COURSES-- Budapest, Nepszava, 30 Aug 52

Over 10,000 workers of producers' cooperatives and machine stations will attend various agricultural training courses during the next school year. Courses for producers' cooperative workers will include primarily the subject of brigade leadership. Machine station workers will attend 5-month courses, which will be specialized for chief mechanics, district mechanics, combine drivers, tractor drivers, and brigade leaders of tractor drivers, respectively.

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Advanced training courses for machine station managers will be held for the first time during the coming school year.

OPEN SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES -- Budapest, Magyar Nemzet, 2 Sep 52

All general, secondary, and technical schools, as well as all universities, opened the new school year on 1 September.

In the opening ceremony of the Budapest Medical University, Dean Pal Gegesi Kiss said that the number of students showed an increase of 12 percent compared with the previous year and that social competition among students continued to improve. Approximately 57.7 percent of first-year students are of worker or peasant origin at present as compared with 25.6 percent 6 years ago.

The opening speeches at the Budapest Economic University were held by Tamas Nagy, curator of the university, and Laszlo Orban, secretary of the Council of Higher Education.

At the Budapest Eotvos Lorand University of Sciences, Jozsef Kovacs, Deputy Minister of Education, stated that 650 first-year students had enrolled, raising the total number of students to 2,148.

The Szeged University of Sciences was opened with speeches by Gabor Fodor, Kossuth-Prize-winning rector of the university, and Jozsef Darvas, Minister of Education. Darvas pointed out that university students this year will number 45,800, including 16,400 first-year students, as compared with a total of 12,000 university students in 1938. The minister added that the government is spending one billion forints on the building of universities and student hostels, in addition to 102 million forints allotted for scholarships. Besides improvement in the level of professional education, said the minister, heavy emphasis must be placed on ideological training, in which endeavor Soviet educational methods will prove extremely valuable. After the opening ceremonies the new building of the science department of the university was put in use for the first time.

At the Budapest Lenin Institute, Gena Kassai, chief of the Marxist-Leninist Department of the Ministry of Education, gave the opening address. He highlighted the task which the Lenin Institute fulfills in the general life of the country. The experts graduating from the institute are making substantial contributions to the acceleration of advance in the sciences and other creative fields, he said.

The Budapest Technical University and Technical University of the Building Industry were opened by an address delivered by Dean Imre Razso. He said that during the last academic year, 17 new professorships were created, and new laboratories and lecture halls were built. Shortly, a huge workshop is to be opened, in which 300 students of mechanical engineering will receive practical training, he announced.

At the opening of the Agricultural University, Karoly Peter, rector of the university, said that the number of students increased to 4,000 in the new academic year and that most students are of worker and peasant origin.

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